Service Date: November 2, 1984

# DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

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IN THE MATTER of the Application	)	UTILITY DIVISION
of AT&T Mountain, Inc., for the	)	
Deregulation and the Withdrawal of	)	DOCKET NO. 84.9.52
Filed Tariffs for Specialized Terminal	)	DEFAULT ORDER NO. 5094
Equipment for Disabled Customers.	)	

AT&T Mountain, Inc., has filed a petition seeking the deregulation of specialized customer premises equipment for the disabled. In the petition AT&T Mountain, Inc. states that if this request is granted a price predictability plan which maintains the present tariffs through 1985 would be implemented and customers would be allowed to purchase the terminal equipment at nationwide average prices.

Having considered the application and the documentation furnished by AT&T Mountain, Inc., in support of its application, the Commission makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

# FINDINGS OF FACT

A Notice of Opportunity For Public Hearing was issued on September 12,
 The notice was published in major newspapers across the state and was sent to the following parties:

Montana Consumer Counsel

Montana Department of Administration School for the Deaf and Blind Montana Independent Living Project Montana Association for the Deaf Montana Association for the Blind

The notice stated that if no hearing was requested by October 15, 1984, an appropriate order may be issued based upon the evidence submitted with the application.

- 2. No request for a hearing was received and no hearing was scheduled.
- 3. The Commission finds, that AT&T Mountain, Inc.'s request to detariff CPE for the disabled is reasonable and that the price predictability plan and the assurance that the equipment will be offered through the National Special Needs Center will adequately protect customers.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. AT&T Mountain, Inc. is a "public utility" under the regulatory jurisdiction of Montana Public Service Commission, MCA 69-3-101.
- 2. The Montana Public Service Commission properly exercises jurisdiction over the Applicant's Montana operations pursuant to Title 69, Chapter

# 3, MCA.

## **ORDER**

- 1. AT&T Mountain, Inc.'s request to detariff CPE for the disabled is hereby GRANTED.
- 2. This order is effective November 10, 1984.

DONE IN OPEN SESSION at Helena, Montana, this 29th day of October, 1984 by a 5 to 0 vote. BY ORDER OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Chairman

JOHN B. DRISCOLL, Commissioner

HOWARD L. ELLIS, Commissioner

CLYDE JARVIS, Commissioner

DANNY OBERG, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Madeline L. Cottrill
Commission Secretary

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NOTE: Any interested party may request the Commission to reconsider this decision. A motion to reconsider must be filed within ten (10) days. See ARM 38.2.4806.